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History

Officially founded in 1957, SPE's predecessor organizations date from the birth of the oil industry in the late 1880s.

Background

SPE is a not-for-profit professional society whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and provides services through publications, events, training courses and online resources at www.spe.org. Income from SPE events and services are invested back into SPE to support many other society programs.

Mission

To connect a global community of engineers, scientists, and related energy professionals to exchange knowledge, innovate, and advance their technical and professional competence regarding the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas and related energy resources to achieve a safe, secure, and sustainable energy future.

Major Technical Disciplines

Upstream oil and gas operations, including Drilling; Completions; Health, Safety, Environment and Sustainability; Data Science and Engineering Analytics; Management; Production and Operations; Projects, Facilities and Construction; and Reservoir.

Membership

More than 127,000 members in 145 countries participate in 203 sections and 426 student chapters. SPE includes more than 52,000 student members.

Resources

SPE.org: Find upcoming SPE events, webinars, and training courses; watch on-demand interviews and educational videos; access industry reference information; read SPE publications. Members manage their account, collaborate in online communities, submit abstracts for conferences, and nominate colleagues for awards.

SPE Technical Resources: Technical reports and papers, eBooks, industry guidelines, certification and training, PetroWiki, OnePetro® technical library, SPE Energy Stream multimedia platform, AI-powered Research Portal.

SPE Publications: *SPE Journal*, *Journal of Petroleum Technology*, and *The Way Ahead*.

Energy4me.org: SPE energy education website providing resources for speakers, teachers, and students on all energy sources and energy careers.

Conferences and Exhibitions

SPE sponsors more than 110 conferences, exhibitions, symposia, forums and workshops each year. The technical programs are presented and created by SPE members and other industry professionals. For a complete listing of SPE events and dates, visit www.spe.org/events.

Governing Body

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